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- 1. MEA DEPUTY SECRETARY ON SEPTEMBER 24 TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER THAT INDIA IS RECEPTIVE TO PORTUGUESE OVERTURES ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. DODAMANI SAID THAT INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SWARAN SINGH EXPECTS TO DISCUSS THE MATTER THIS WEEK WITH HIS PORTUGUESE COUNTERPART AT THE UNITED NATIONS. THE MEA OFFICIAL ADDED THAT, ALTHOUGH INDIA HAD NOT RESPONDED TO SIMILAR PORTUGUESE OVERTURES TWO MONTHS AGO, THE GOI BELIEVED THE TIME NOW OPPORTUNE IN VIEW OF THE PROGRESS MADE BY PORTUGAL IN FREEING ITS AFRICAN COLONIES.
- 2. DODAMANI INDICATED TWO INDIAN DESIDERATA FOR THE RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS:
- -- PORTUGAL MUST RECOGNIZE THE INCORPORATION OF GOA AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF INDIA AND TERMINATE THE STATUS OF THE TWO DEPUTIES WHO OSTENSIBLY REPRESENT GOA IN THE PORTUGUESE ASSEMBLY; LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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--PORTUGAL MUST RECOGNIZE THE CLAIMS OF INDIAN CITIZENS

EXPELLED FROM MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA FOLLOWING THE "LIBERATION OF GOA". INDIA WOULD IN TURN BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER PORTUGUESE CITIZENS' CLAIMS PERTAINING TO GOA. SCHNEIDER

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